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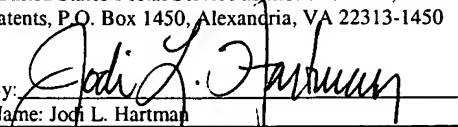
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Serial No.: 10/008,888 Group Art Unit: 2643
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Title: Method and System for Prepaid Communications Credit

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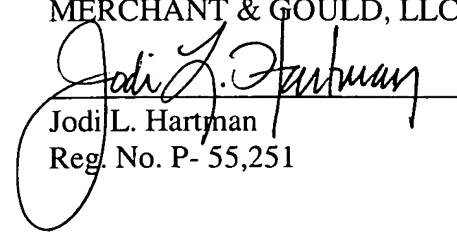
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 29, 2003 to January 29, 2004.

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